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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 24, 2005

Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 24, 2005 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time allows Applicant until July 24, 2005 to file a response.

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